

has been successful in achieving integrated development of the North Eastern Region;

(b) if so, whether the Government have evaluated its work; and

(c) if not, whether the Government contemplate to revise its structure and reformulate its priorities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) The North Eastern council has contributed to the integrated development of the North Eastern Region.

(b) While making plan allocations, the works sanctioned under the Council's plan, the progress of their implementation and other relevant details are considered in the planning Commission.

(c) The Government have not taken any such decision.

Advanced Equipments to Security men

4715. SHRI KAMLA MISRA MADHUKAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the special group employed for VIPs security in the Capital are in need of various advanced equipments for communication, bomb detection and metal detection;

(b) whether the latest technology equipments have been provided to them; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M.

JACOB): (a) to (c). Security unit of Delhi Police is equipped with some latest technological equipment for VVIP/VIP security. Delhi Police is making efforts to identify more sophisticated equipment with a view to improve their capabilities for VVIP/VIP security protection.

SC/ST Directors on NSFDC Board

4716. DR. (SHRIMATI) PADMA: SHRI RAM NIHORE RAI:

Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Board of Directors of National Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes Finance and Development Corporation (NSFDC) has been constituted;

(b) if so, the number of SC/ST Directors on the Board; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor and the time by which it is likely to be constituted?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): (a) to (c). After the expiry of the term of the first Board of Directors of National Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes Finance and Development Corporation (NSFDC) on 7.2.1992, the new Board of directors of NSFDC with 5 non-official Directors, among others - 3 representing the Scheduled Castes and 2 representing the Scheduled Tribes will be constituted shortly.

Use of Coal and Natural Gas as source of Energy

4717. SHRI GANGADHARA SANIPALLI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to encourage use of coal and natural gas as